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SUBJECT: DIRECTOR GENERAL'S COMMENTS AT CLOSED SESSION
OF 96TH EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION

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1. FURTHER TO REF (TEMPORARY FREEZE ON PERSONNEL HIRING
AT UNESCO), DG ADVISED EXECUTIVE BOARD IN PRIVATE
MEETING THAT ALL HIRING HAD BEEN FROZEN SINCE NOVEMBER
15 WHEN HE ASSUMED DG POST. DG INDICATED PLANS TO
RESTRUCTURE ORGANIZATION AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DIRECTOR (D-1) POST IN HUMAN RIGHTS CO-
ORDINATION UNIT WILL BE RECLASSIFIED D-2 POST AFTER
31 DECEMBER 1975. CURRENT INCUMBENT'S (MRS. M. HERZOG)
CONTRACT EXPIRES APRIL 1975. DG WILL DECIDE LATER
WHETHER TO EXTEND HERZOG CONTRACT OR REPLACE HER.

B. PRESENT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STATISTICS
(BROLIN) CONTRACT EXPIRES 31 DECEMBER 1975. NO ONE
HAS BEEN RECRUITED YET, SO DG WILL EXTEND BROLIN'S CON-
TRACT UNTIL 30 JUNE 1975 AT LATEST. BROLIN MIGHT BE
REPLACED BEFORE THEN. (NOTE: DELEGATION HAS STRONGLY
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SUPPORTED CANDIDATURE OF LAWRENCE SEYMOUR FOR THIS

POST.)

C. DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, ROGER BARNESIS APPOINTED ADVISOR IN DG'S OFFICE. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TEMPORARY CONTRACTS, EXAMINING OVERTIME PAYMENT, FUNDING OF POSTS FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS AND WILL CONDUCT INSPECTION MISSIONS AS DIRECTED BY DG.

D. MR. P. COEYTAUX, CHEF DE CABINET, BECOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL.

E. JOSE BLATT GIMENO WAS NAMED DG'S CHIEF OF CABINET. BLATT SERVED AS CHIEF OF EVALUATION OF EDUCATION UNDER M'BOW WHEN LATTER WAS ADG FOR EDUCATION. BLATT IS SPANISH NATIONAL, BORN 1914, WHO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH AND HAS SERVED AT UNESCO SINCE 1957. HE IS A P-5 AND WILL BE PROMOTED TO D-1. DG DESCRIBED BLATT AS AN EDUCATOR OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY.

F. DIRECTOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIVISION' MR. E. NARAGHI IS DESIGNATED NEW REGIONAL ADVISOR FOR CULTURAL MATTERS IN ASIA. DG DID NOT ANNOUNCE WHO WILL HEAD YOUTH DIVISION.

G. ALFONSO DE SILVA, SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD IS BEING PROVISIONALLY REPLACED BY STEPANEK, DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF CONFERENCES, LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS. DG SAID HE HAD MADE NO DECISION ABOUT NEW POST FOR DE SILVA. (COMMENT: PERMDEL HAS HEARD THAT DE SILVA CAMPAIGNED ACTIVELY IN LATIN AMERICA AGAINST M'BOW'S APPOINTMENT AS DG.)

2. DG SAID HE INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ALL ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL IN THEIR POSTS WHERE NECESSARY UNTIL MAY 1975 (NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD). POSSIBLE EXCEPTION IS ADG FOR COMMUNICATIONS BECAUSE DG INTENDS TO PROPOSE RESTRUCTURING THIS UNIT. HE DID NOT SPECIFY FURTHER ON THIS POINT.

3. IN RESTRUCTURING SECRETARIAT DG SAID HE WILL USE WORKING PARTIES COMPRISED OF SECRETARIAT STAFF, UNDP AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS WHERE NECESSARY. HE CITED FACT THAT UNESCO HAS BEEN CLOSED HOUSE TO JOURNALISTS AND THIS POLICY WILL CHANGE. DG MENTIONED NEWS MEDIA HAVING NOT BEEN OBJECTIVE AND HE WANTS ACCURATE, RE-

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LISTIC PICTURE OF ORGANIZATION IN FUTURE MEDIA REPORTING.

4. FINALLY DG SAID HE WANTS AN OPEN ORGANIZATION AND CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EX BD - "A DIALOGUE" - AND HE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AT SPRING 1975 EX BD MEETING ON HIS REORGANIZATION PLAN.

5. PERMDEL WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW FURTHER CHANGES IN
UNESCO SECRETARIAT, CHANGES IN ADG'S AND ALL OTHER
MAJOR CHANGES AND PROMPTLY REPORT THESE TO THE DEPART-
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